

Wylie Animal Shelter Advisory Board

Minutes

Wylie Animal Shelter Advisory Board

January 14, 2015 – 6:30 pm

City of Wylie City Hall – Council Chambers
300 Country Club Building 100 Wylie Texas 75098

CALL TO ORDER

Announce the presence of a Quorum.

David Dahl called to order at 6:30 pm. Board members present: Shelia Patton, David Dahl, Dr. Chuck Kerin, David Lewis, Amy Nutz and Staff Liaison Lt. Mike Atkison

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Chuck Kerin. The Invocation was led by David Lewis.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider and act upon approval of the Animal Advisory Board minutes of November 19, 2014. (D. Dahl, ASAB Chair)

Board Action

A motion was made by Dr. Chuck Kerin to accept Animal Shelter Advisory Board minutes of September 10, 2014 as presented. David Lewis seconded to accept minutes. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Discussion regarding the Home for the Holidays Adoption Event held December 15, 2014 through December 23, 2014. (S. Patton, ASAB Board Member)

Patton reported this was the first Home for the Holidays event held by the City of Wylie Animal Control. The event was a success. The event began collaboration efforts on December 3, 2014. Spay Neuter Network sterilized and provided a rabies vaccination for each cat at the rate of twenty dollars per cat. Fourteen cats were taken for this service. The press release and media publications began on December 10th. During the dates of the event twelve cats and eighteen dogs found a home for the holiday season. The previous year for the same date range one cat was adopted and thirteen dogs. Of these thirteen dogs from the previous year six were eight week old puppies that citizens were waiting to be weaned for adoption. For this Home for Holidays Event the facility did not have puppies and the focus was on larger dogs and adult cats that had been at the facility for extended periods of time. The cost to the city in lost adoption fees and cost to sterilize was approximately one thousand thirty dollars. No volunteers were on schedule to assist with this event.

3. Discussion regarding annual vet inspection report conducted on December 12, 2014. (S. Patton, ASAB Board Member)

Dr. Chuck Kerin was asked by Dahl to lead the discussion of his findings during the inspection. Dr. Kerin reported the facility to be very clean and in sanitary condition. Records are current, clear and readily available. Animals are well cared for. The rating given to the facility was satisfactory when the options are satisfactory, unsatisfactory and probation. Kerin reports that he did not see changes or improvements needed to facility to comply with inspection. The next vet inspection will be December 2015 as this is a yearly inspection. Dahl would like the vet inspection published.

4. Discussion regarding progress toward establishment of foster program. (S. Patton, ASAB Board Member)

Shelia Patton reported a focus group was established for the foster program. This focus group consists of four city employees who volunteered to assist with establishment. Shelia is also a part of the group as an advisory capacity to the needs of the program. The first meeting was held on December 5, 2014. This first meeting was to establish goals and objectives. Advice was given to focus group by Patton to check with other cities and programs to see what has worked and what has not worked for their foster programs. Patton reports a second meeting was held on January 8, 2015. The group has been focused on applications, manuals and advertisement of the program. The group has put forth a lot of effort and work into the foster program and is making great progress. Patton reports a third meeting is to be held on February 19, 2015. This meeting will include Mindy and Chief Duscio to show the progress of the group. This meeting will outline the progression and ideas of the group to ask for further guidance or lack of areas that the group may have missed. The group wishes to make sure the direction that is being taken is correct for where the city sees the program heading for future growth. This program is not for feral wild animals but will focus mainly on orphaned and whelping animals at the facility. This program is likely to help with scared animals or medically challenged animals as growth of the program increases.

5. Discuss statistical information the board would like to see included for quarterly report. (S. Patton, ASAB Board Member)

Shelia Patton reported that she is seeking advice from the board as to what information they would like reported to the board. The new software program is not implemented at this time. The purchase order has been created and submitted and are awaiting payment and download at this time. A couple of examples of created reports from Plano and Grapevine are shown for reference of the type of reports that could be available. Patton reports that many organizations give a simple oral report but would like a written report with documentation to provide proof of reported statistics. Since the new program is not implemented at this time there is no way to report exactly what the program is going to be able to generate but it will have the ability to enter more documentation regarding the cases.

The board reports that they would like more data than less data. The ability to separate impounds and dispositions as deceased upon arrival and other methods of impound can alter the statistical information. Euthanasia reasons should be separated and detailed as much as possible.

Dahl would like this information to be available for publish.

Patton reports that there is not a standard test for euthanasia reasons. All animals are treated as an individual case.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

One citizen spoke regarding the volunteer program. She has been an approved volunteer for four years. Great success was made with off-site adoptions. There are now no consistent volunteers or off-site adoptions.

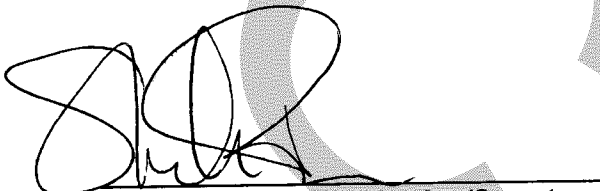
One citizen spoke to the Home for the Holidays Event was brilliant but how many animals were killed during this time? We need to accept donations. The vet visit is planned so the shelter will meet with high success.

One citizen spoke to wanting to see a volunteer program. This citizen is a current foster for traumatized and scared dogs. They would like to see the facility reaching out to rescues. Animals have to be vetted for a foster program.

One citizen spoke to the need for rescues to be utilized. They vet for fosters to take. Programs have been successful with juvenile offenders that may have never had love to show love to an animal in need. Hours of the facility should be altered to consider working class people.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Amy Nutz and seconded by David Lewis to adjourn meeting. With no further business before the board, consensus of the board was to adjourn at 7:06 pm.


David Dahl, Chairman
Shelia Patton, Board Member/Secretary

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee Report

April 8, 2015

January - March 2015

| | Dogs | Cats | Others | Total |
|---------------------|------|------|--------|-------|
| Impounds | 182 | 75 | 111 | 368 |
| Owner Surrender | 18 | 4 | 0 | 22 |
| Stray | 137 | 26* | 2 | 165 |
| Quarantine | 6 | 1 | 0 | 7 |
| Safe Keeping | 9 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| DOA | 12 | 16 | 38 | 66 |
| Trapped by resident | 0 | 22* | 0 | 22 |
| Born at Shelter | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 |

*9 brought by residents 17 ACO pickup

*trapped but evaluated as adoptable

| Dispositions | Dogs | Cats | Others | Total |
|-----------------|------|------|--------|-------|
| Return to Owner | 95 | 11 | 0 | 106 |
| Adopted | 43 | 18 | 0 | 61 |
| Rescued | 8 | 0 | 2* | 10 |
| Euthanized | 5 | 2 | 58 | 65 |
| Other | 0 | 9* | 13* | 22 |

*pig and rooster

*newborns died at birth or shortly after

*relocated trapped wildlife-low risk

Euthanasia Reason

| | | | | |
|----------------|---|---|-----|----|
| Behavioral | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Medical | 1 | 2 | 7* | 10 |
| Policy H.R.R.C | 0 | 0 | 27* | 27 |
| Wild Animal | 0 | 0 | 24* | 24 |

*injured beyond rescue/release

*high risk rabies carriers trapped skunks

*trapped and determined as feral wild

Euthanasia for dogs 2.94%

Euthanasia for cats 3.39%

Euthanasia dogs & cats total 6.33%

ACO Calls For Service: 541

Dogs at facility at end of report: 19

Cats at facility at end of report: 19 of which 7 were trapped felines